(d) Financial contributions by member organizations are for the operations of GRA Secretariat, to undertake networking with national and international bodies, coordination of GRA activities, communications, maintenance of GRA website, exploring new global funding opportunities for international global partnerships between GRA members, printing of GRA documents and other day-to-day operations.

Utilisation of funds by CSIR

2880. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the national institutes of CSIR used to generate External Cash Flow (ECF);

(b) if so, the details including the amount, source and utilization of ECF and the amount of Lab Reserve Fund and the amount of ECF utilized for foreign travel of Directors and Scientists of all national laboratories of CSIR, including CSIR head-quarters during the last five years, year-wise, institute-wise and category-wise; and

(c) the amount of ECF distributed to scientists, technical and administrative staff and provisions under which amount had been distributed at all national laboratories of CSIR, including CSIR headquarters during the last five years, year-wise, institute-wise and category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Campuses of NIHH

2881. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to expand the number of campuses of the National Institute for Hearing Handicapped;

(b) whether it is a fact that the present two campuses of the Institute are unable to meet the demand for trained people in the country;

(c) the plans of the Institute to conduct training programmes in rural areas of the country;

(d) whether the Institute would franchise institutions in rural areas to increase access of handicapped people; and

(e) the steps proposed to expand the network of assistance in all sectors and categories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) The NIHH has headquarters in Mumbai, regional centres at New Delhi, Kolkata and Secunderabad and a state collaborated centre at Bhubaneshwar. These Centres are

aimed at meeting the local and regional needs in terms of manpower development, training, rehabilitation and services in addition to research, material development, information and documentation services and outreach and extension services. Thus the Institute functions as a role model in the field of hearing disability.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration.

(e) The NIHH is functioning in the field of Hearing disability only.

Financial assistance for SC, ST and OBC students

2882. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have got any scheme to give financial assistance to students of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes to purchase books, stationery and uniforms;

(b) if so, whether the scheme is being implemented in Goa; and

(c) the financial assistance given to the State Governments, if any, during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The Government is providing financial assistance to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes under various schemes of educational development.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The details of financial assistance released to the State Governments during the last five years is enclosed as a Statement.

Statement

(Rupess in lakh)

Name of the Scheme	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1	2	3	4	5	6
Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for Students belonging to OBC	2631.81	2399.01	2466.97	2640.62	5329.80
Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for ST Students	5158.64	6579.47	10137.71	21018.09	25503.41
Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for Students belonging to OBC	1874.08	1700.00	1875.66	1970.99	2526.96